

House File 2379 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 633)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to crisis stabilization programs authorized by
2 the department of human services.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **225C.19A Crisis stabilization**
2 **programs.**

3 The department shall accredit, certify, or apply
4 standards of review to authorize the operation of crisis
5 stabilization programs. In authorizing the operation of a
6 crisis stabilization program, the department shall apply
7 the relevant requirements for an emergency mental health
8 crisis services provider and system under section 225C.19.
9 A program authorized to operate under this section is not
10 required to be licensed under chapter 135B, 135C, or 135G,
11 or certified under chapter 231C. The commission shall adopt
12 rules to implement this section. The department shall accept
13 accreditation of a crisis stabilization program by a national
14 accrediting organization in lieu of applying the rules adopted
15 in accordance with this section to the program.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to crisis stabilization programs
20 authorized by the department of human services.

21 In authorizing the operation of a program, the department is
22 required to apply the relevant requirements for an emergency
23 mental health crisis services provider and system under Code
24 section 225C.19. An emergency mental health crisis services
25 system is defined as a coordinated array of crisis services for
26 providing a response to assist an individual adult or child who
27 is experiencing a mental health crisis or who is in a situation
28 that is reasonably likely to cause the individual to have a
29 mental health crisis unless assistance is provided.

30 The bill provides that a program authorized by the
31 department as a crisis stabilization program is not required
32 to be licensed under Code chapter 135B (hospitals), 135C
33 (health care facilities), or 135G (subacute mental health
34 care facilities), or to be certified under Code chapter 231C
35 (assisted living programs).

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1 The department is required to adopt rules to implement
2 the bill. The department is required to accept a crisis
3 stabilization program's accreditation by a national accrediting
4 organization in lieu of applying the rules to the program.